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PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3B7 DXPEDITION NEWS (Press Release #3, dated October 20th). Our last communication goes back to several months but we didn't stay inactive! All tasks are going as scheduled.

The logistical operations are going on and will soon be finalized. Transport to St. Brandon has been secured by a 50% deposit. It will be a 24h journey by boat between 3B8 and 3B7.

Once on the islet, we'll use the small fishermen's building as radio shack rather than tents. For sure it will be much more confortable especially with high temperatures. We are working to get a reliable 24/24 electricity supply by generators. We already started to test, and pack all our equipment in the crates previously used for Tromelin and Juan de Nova.

Expert Electronics LLC provided us some of their famous SunSDR2 PRO transceivers. We already have tested this setup with success on Juan de Nova. Now, these SDR TRX will play a major role in our expedition. Thanks also to our regular corporate sponsors Dx Engineering, Messi & Paolini, Spiderbeam for their continuous support. We will give you more details about our setups soon.

We already made important expenses and time has come to request assistance from the DX community. Last week, we have contacted many clubs and associations who already supported us in the past. We are delighted to receive already positive answers!

As usual, we are extremely careful with each expenditure, but such project remains expensive. The team will provide more than 50% of the budget, but

we need your assistance to balance it.
Please follow us on our web site: ,
Facebook , Twitter
<@SaintBrandonDX>.

3C0, ANNOBON ISLAND (Update). Operators Yuris/YL2GM and Kaspars/YL3AIW are still active as 3C0L from Annobon Island (AF-039). The team reports on October 19th that "We are stuck on the island" until October 23rd. As this was being written, operators reported on October 20th, a total of 19391 QSOs (16000/CW and 3391/SSB). On October 21st, they reported to having 23k QSOs in the log. QSL via YL2GN direct or ClubLog's OQRS (direct or Bureau). Look for the logs to be uploaded to LoTW six months after their operations. Updates are being posted to:
http://www.lral.lv/3c0l_3c1l

3V, TUNISIA. Operators SWL Ashraf "Ash", 3V4-002 (3V/KF5EYY) and Ludovic/HB9EOU will be active as 3V8SS from the "Radio Club Station of Tunisian Scouts" in Sousse, during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Multi-Single/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or to LX1NO. Read about Ashraf on the following Web page at: http://www.kf5eyy.info

3Y0Z DXPEDITION NEWS (Press Release #9, dated October 17th) [edited].
After over 10 years of dreaming and 2 years of rigorous planning, we have turned a page. Our team is intact and ready. We have 17,000 pounds of equipment. It has been tested, sorted, inventoried and packed into our 40-foot sea container. We have discussed all conceivable contingencies, including rough seas, clouds and fog, high winds and emergencies at sea and on shore. We have studied propagation, maximized our location on the island, selected the best radio equipment, and have thought first and foremost of safety. All of this culminated when we sealed our sea container on October 9th, entered it into customs bond, placed it on a truck and watched it begin its journey to Punta Arenas, Chile. Our die has been cast. Now, a new chapter begins: one of reflection, waiting anxiously and hoping (praying) that all will go well from this point on.
We have been blessed by the worldwide support of individual amateur radio operators, clubs and foundations. They have backed us, overwhelmingly. We are inspired by the support we have received, both financially and in spirit. We want to live up to all that is expected of us on this "generational" DXpedition, which is likely the largest and most challenging DXpedition ---- ever. Indeed, there may never be another like it. We now have time to appreciate the responsibility that this project thrusts upon us. We feel it, and we will do our utmost to meet the DX world's expectations from Bouvet - the number 2 "most wanted" entity.
You will start seeing band plans, more detailed propagation information, QSL information and more on our website. Our Facebook and Twitter social media outlets will keep their conversational tone, but shift their focus to how you can best work us, plus current events and news of interest. Our updated propagation forecasts continue to validate our predictions, as visualized on our website propagation page.
Our team now has a singular focal point, King George Island, where the next chapter begins. We will meet our ship there on January 13th, and sail 2,200 miles to Bouvet. By departing from King George Island rather than Punta Arenas, we save about 400 miles of sea travel. This essentially gives us one or two more days on the air from Bouvet. We will savor those days, because they will give us QSOs that otherwise would not have been made.
We have asked more from our team members than for any previous DXpedition. This includes their time, effort and money. We thank all of you who are helping to defray some of their costs. We continue to welcome new and additional support to help with these expenses.
We are counting the days.....
73, Bob-K4UEE

Ralph-K0IR
Erling-LA6VM

4L, GEORGIA. Operator Gia, 4L4WW, will be active as 4L0A from Obcha (Western Georgia) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LoTW. He states, "PLEASE do not send QSL cards direct to him".

4L, GEORGIA. Mamuka Kordzakhia, 4L2M, President of the National Association Radio Amateurs of Georgia (NARG), will be active during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry. QSL via EA7FTR.

4S, SRI LANKA (Press Release by Martti, OH2BH, date October 19th).
4S7-LAND AND THE CQWW SSB WITH A CUP OF CEYLON TEA -- 4S7AYG (UR0MC/UT5UY), 4S7BHG (OH2BE/OH2BH) and 4S7KLH (R3XA) -- The Daily DX News of October 13th suggested that Sri Lanka is the place to be for the CQWW SSB Contest. So right they were that three visitor stations will be penetrating the scene for a week, including the days prior to the contest weekend. This semi-rare scenic island with its natural beauty is indeed the place to be now and in the future, as their tourism offering is well established with a line-up of fine hotels in full operation. How about a trip to Cinnamon Island, the true home of highly-desired Ceylon cinnamon along with those rare ones in IOTA AS-171.
Ham Radio Tourism (HRT) is indeed well-established in many places around the world. Now Sri Lanka joins those ranks from zone 22 in the Indian Ocean, seven (7) degrees North of the equator. https://www.hamtourism.com
As an introduction, you can try to work all three stations during the week of October 23rd and be eligible for the Ham Radio Tourism Award (HRTA), which features those long beaches and unforgettable landscapes of Sri Lanka. And enjoy a cup of famous Ceylon Tea while doing all this. Your list of QSOs can be submitted to: . There the award is at no cost by pdf-email.

4W, TIMOR LESTE. Thomas, OZ1AA, will be active as 4W/OZ1AA from Dili, East Timor (OC-148), between November 1-7th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using mainly CW and some FT8. Equipment will be a Kenwood TS-590SG (100w) into a homemade multi-band vertical. QSL via OZ1ACB, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW.

6Y, JAMAICA. Operators Rick/W4GE (6Y4T), Gay/N4SF (6Y4F) and Dave/K8AJA (6Y4J) will be active from Jamaica between October 24-31st. Activity will be on various HF bands, including the WARC bands and 60m, using CW and FT8. Operations will also be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as 6Y4T as a Mult-2 entry. QSL via LoTW, eQSL or direct to W4GE. NO Bureau QSL cards.

9K, KUWAIT. Abdallah, 9K2GS, will be active as 9K2K during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LoTW.

9M6, EAST MALAYSIA. Saty, JE1JKL, will once again be active as 9M6NA from Labuan Island (OC-133) during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign or LoTW. See Web page at: http://jsfc.org/je1jkl/9m6na.html

9Y4, TRINDADE AND TOBAGO. Chris, 9Y4D (ex-9Y4NZ), will be active during

the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m)/Low-Power entry. QSL via 9Y4D (see QRZ.com), LoTW or eQSL.

A3, TONGA. Hiro, JA6WFM, will be active as A31MM from Nuku'alofa (the capital city of Tonga), on Tongatapu Island (OC-049), during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band (no 160/80m) entry. QSL via EA4GL or LoTW.

A5, BHUTAN. A5A will be activate again between October 27th and November 3rd. Zorro, JH1AJT, will travel to Bhutan with Jin/JF1IST, Franz/DJ9ZB and Champ/E21EIC. Their main purpose of this trip is to continue to support the launch of Paralympic Committee in Bhutan with Bhutan Olympic Committee (BOC). The team will participate in CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Multi-Single or Multi-2 category. Before and after the contest, they will be active on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. (If possible they will try FT8 mode). Champ will be focusing on 80m and 160m. QSL via JH1AJT: PO Box 8, Oiso, Naka-gun, KANAGAWA 259-0111, Japan. An OQRS will be available at ClubLog after Zorro's return to Japan.

B9, CHINA. Members of the Chinese Radio Amateur's Club (CRAC) will be active as B9K from Hangyashan, Gansu Province, during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via BA4EG. Operators mentioned are BD9GQ, BG9JK, BG9GFR, BG9GUB, BA7NQ, BA7IO, BA5CW, BA7JT, BA7MY, BA7NO, BR2KW, BD7IXG, BD7LMD, BD6IQD and BD7MQ.

E4, PALESTINE (Reminder). By the time you read this, Janusz, SP9FIH, will once again be active as E44WE from Bethlehem until October 29th. Activity will be on 30/15/12/10 meters using SSB, PSK63 and possibly RTTY. He will also be active in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m)/Assisted/Low-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign or ClubLog's OQRS. For more details and updates, see:
http://www.e4.dxpeditions.org
ADDED NOTE: DX-World.net is reporting that E44WE is apparently not approved for DXCC credit due to insufficient paperwork.

ES, ESTONIA. Look for 14 operators from the Estonian Radio Amateurs Union to activate ES9C (possibly ES17EU) from Tallin (the QTH of ES5TV) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via ES5RY.

FRENCH SOUTHERN INDIAN OCEAN TOUR. Gildas, TU5KG, is once again traveling through the South Indian Ocean on a fishing boat. As in past years, he will be sailing in both the Kerguelen and Crozet Island regions, and may activate the islands (if he goes ashore) using his new callsigns - FT5XT (Kerguelen) and FT5WQ (Crozet). When at sea, he will sign as callsign/mm. QSL via F4DXW, direct only. View his QSL card on QRZ.com. ADDED NOTE: It has been reported that within the next 15 days it is possible Gildas will be active from Crozet for 2-3 hours only.

H44, SOLOMON ISLANDS. Bernhard, DL2GAC, is once again active as H44MS from Malaita Island (OC-047) in the Solomon Islands, until end of November. Activity has been on 160-6 meters on SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

INDEXA ON THE WEB. Dick Williams, W3OA, Secretary-Treasurer, informs that INDEXA is now on Facebook
and Twitter . "Our Web
site provides links to both accounts. You will

see links to each at the bottom of the column of buttons on the left side of each page. You will also see three buttons marked with a "NEW" icon. These will take you to three new pages showing (1) Donors To INDEXA, (2) All current INDEXA members, and (3) INDEXA members who are in the DX Hall of Fame. If you don't see these new buttons click your browser's refresh or reload icon."

IOTA NEWS.....

AF-051. Operators Alain/F5OZC and Sebastien/F8DQZ will be active as 3XY3D from Kassa Island, Los Islands (Iles de Los), between November 2nd and December 1st. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using mainly CW. QSL via F5OZC.

AF-096. Operators Alain/F5OZC and Sebastien/F8DQZ are now active as 3XY3D/P from Tristao Island until October 30th or 31st. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using mainly CW. QSL via F5OZC.

AS-127. (Update/Change) Operators Derek/G3KHZ, Steve/G4EDG, Axel/DL6KVA, Syed/S21ED and Anup/S21TV will be active as S21ZAS (not S21ZDC as first announced) from Saint Martins Island between October 21-25th. Activity is on 40-15 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via SM6CVX.

AS-200. Takeshi "TAKE"/JI3DST(JS6RRR) will once again be active as JI3DST/5 from Shodo Island (in the Shikoku's Coastal Islands) between November 3-5th. Activity will be on 80/40/30/20/17/15/12/10/6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FM. This operation is subject to change because of bad WX or other conditions. QSL JI3DST/5 via the Bureau or direct by ClubLog's OQRS. Please check QRZ.com for more details. For more details and possible updates, see QRZ.com or .

KH6, HAWAII. Jim, N6TJ, will once again be active as KH7M (the Pu'u O'o Radio Club callsign) from Volcano during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via KH6ZM.

K8, UNITED STATES. Athens County Amateur Radio Association and the Athens County Red Cross Amateur Radio Service (WA8ARC) are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Red Cross of Southeastern Ohio (formerly Athens County Red Cross) with special event station callsign K8R. Look for K8R to operate between November 1-16th. Suggested frequencies are 3800, 7225, 14215 and 21275 kHZ using SSB. Some K8R control ops may also operate CW on these bands and perhaps some QRP. Most operators will also provide DX spots on DX spotting Web sites when on air. A special event QSL card will be available by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) with your request to N8SUZ. QSL cards sent without a SASE will not receive a QSL in return.

KH7, HAWAII. Once again the members of the "Coconut Wireless Contest Club" (formerly AH6XX) will be active as KH7CW from Aiea, on the Island of Oahu (USI HI008S, WLOTA 1227, WW Loc. BL11bj, Honolulu county), Hawaii (OC-019) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Multi-Single entry. Operators mentioned are: Tetsuo/AH7C, Soi/JH1ECG, Akira/JH1BUO, Tac/JE1FQV, Itaru/JA1NRH, Kazuhiko/JL1IEO and Rich/K2WR. QSL via LoTW, direct or by the Bureau to K2WR.

NCDXF NEWS (Press Release, date October 16th). NCDXF announces major support for the KH1 Baker Island DXpedition [edited] -- The Northern

California DX Foundation is pleased to announce it will be a major contributor to the KH1 Baker Island DXpedition planned for June 2018. Baker-Howland is #4 on the ClubLog Most Wanted List now, but will be #3 after the upcoming Bouvet DXpedition.

In 2016, NCDXF-supported DXpeditions activated five of the ten most-needed entities. These DXpeditions put nearly 500,000 QSOs into DXer' logs! That year we spent $156,000 to fund these and other DXpeditions. It is possible that the Bouvet and Baker DXpeditions could add another 200,000 QSOs to that number!

has details of the KH1 Baker DXpedition.

DXpeditions to rare entities like Baker-Howland that are so remote are becoming more expensive, a trend that we believe will continue.

NCDXF's primary purpose is to help fund well-organized DXpeditions to rare, difficult and expensive entities, like Baker Island. During the last 45 years, NCDXF has granted over $1.1 million to hundreds of DX-peditions helping to put an "all-time-new-one" (ATNO) in the log and make DX happen for thousands of DXers worldwide. The credit for these large grants goes to the NCDXF contributors, individuals and clubs who support the DX community. Without those contributions, DXpeditions to entities like Bouvet or other rare locations would not be possible.

If you agree with the importance of NCDXF's work, and if you are not a current contributor, we hope you will become one today by clicking here:

http://ncdxf.org/pages/join_renew.html

Your contribution will continue to help make DX happen. You can also support future DXpeditions by including the NCDXF Cycle 25 Fund in your estate plan .

We wish the KH1B team a safe and very successful trip to Baker Island next year.

73, Glenn Johnson, W0GJ
NCDXF Vice President
http://www.ncdxf.org

ADDED NOTE: Also read "NCDXF Announces Major Support for Baker Island DXpedition" on the ARRL Web page at:
http://www.arrl.org/news/view/ncdxf-announces-major-support-for-baker-island-dxpedition

P4, ARUBA (Update). John, W2GD, will once again be active as P40W from Aruba (SA-036) between October 23-31st, and again between November 20-28th. Activity will include both the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) and CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entries. Operations outside of the contest (before and after) will be on CW on 160/80m and 30/17/12 meters as time permits. Watch 160m on the hour and 80m on the half hour. QSL via LoTW or direct to N2MM, Bureau cards are no longer accepted since 2013. Logs will be loaded on LoTW upon his return to the USA.

P4, ARUBA. Operators Trey/N5KO Mike/N7MH, John/W6LD and Ed/W0YK will be active as P40L from Pos Chiquito during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Mutli-2 entry. QSL via WA3FRP. All P40L logs are uploaded to ClubLog and Logbook of the World. For details about the station, see: http://www.arubaqth.com

PJ4, BONAIRE. Operators Martin/W1MD, David/N3RD, Walter/WA3LRO and Richard/N6KT will be active as PJ4K from Bonaire (SA-006, WLOTA LH-1279) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Multi-2 entry. Look for operators to be active outside of the contest using PJ4/homecalls.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (October 23-29th).....

Oct/23rd AN	Oct/26th HN	Oct/28th HN
Oct/24th BN	Oct/27th HN	Oct/29th AN

Oct/25th DIS

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE :
The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:
http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html
A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:
https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm
Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....
QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF... (October 22nd)

3B8/IW2NEF via IK2DUW	AO5SB via EA5RKD	LZ251MKP via LZ1KCP
3XY3D/P via F5OZC	CR3AGP via CT3DL	OE/DK7FK via DK7FK
3Z200T via SP9KLF	CT9/DK7YY via DK7YY	OE55JOTA via OE3OPA
4L6QL via RW6HS (d)	DR5E via DK2CF (d)	OF3TR via OH3TR
4U1A via UA3DX	E44WE via SP9FIH (O)	PA60JOTA via PA3EFR
5Q4X via DK5AX	EA8/DL5JAN via DL5JAN	R17CWC via RD9CX
5V7SM via F0GAZ (d)	EG2SDA via EA2BCJ	RI1ANO via RN1ON & (L)
8P9KZ via W2KKZ (O)	EG8JAM via EA8HQ	TM62GREF via F4HRI
9Y4/DL1QQ via DL1QQ	GB60TVS via MX0IDZ	TM94JAM via F6KMX
A41KB via ON7LX	HA60KNA via HA3KNA	V55JOTA via V51Q (d)
A60JOTA via A61BK	HB9S via HB9AOF	VK8NSB via M0URX (O)
AO5CS via EA5RKD	II2JOTA via (I-B)	VK9VKL via VK9VKL (d)
AO5GSB via EA5RKD	II4GV via IQ4AD	

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only * no QSL needed

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3DA0AQ, 4X1QQ, 5A5A, 9M8K, 9M8YY, C37NL, C93PA, CE2AWW, CE7VPQ, DL1SL, E76WO, EB5CUZ, EI9HQ, EM9Q, EW1NM, F5JMI, FG5FU, FO/IZ2ZTQ, FR5EC, G3P, G3XTT, HI8JSG, HK6CF, HP1XT, IK2SAI, IW7EFC, IZ1LBG, IZ4UFG, JA3IKG, JR1IJV, KC4AAA, KG4HF, LT0H, NH2DX, OG2N, OH6BA, ON6AT, OP4K, PJ4/MW0JZE, PR7AR, RA3FD, RI1ANO, RW3RQ, SK2T, SP5AN, SP7FBQ, SV5/DL3DRN, TZ5XR, UA1OMZ, UA6GO, UA6LCN, UX9Q, VK3EW, VK5CE/8 (OC-198), VP5/W5CW, VP9NM, XE2CQ, XT2AW, ZD7BR, ZF1A and ZZ200AL

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5T5TI, 5T9VB, 5X8C, 6W/UA4WHX/P, 9H1XT, 9H3WHX, A5A, FT3YL, C50VB, CE9/UA4WHX, CP4WHX, R71RRC (AS-071), RI0LI (AF-022), RI1ANO, VK9MAV (OC-267), XR1T (SA-069), YJ0AT and YV5IAL/7 (SA-012)

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!!

S7, SEYCHELLES (Reminder). Kasimir, DL2SBY, is once again active as S79KB from Mahe Island in the Seychelles until November 1st. Activity will be on 40-10 meters including 17/12 meters and possibly 30 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. His equipment will be a TS480SAT with a 400 watts amp, antennas are a Triple Leg (20/17/15/12/10m), vertical (80-10m) and an Inverted Vee (30/40m). QSL HB0/DL2SBY via DL2SBY, direct or the OQRS (Bureau/direct) via ClubLog ONLY. Do not send your QSL via the Bureau! QSL-Requests for Bureau are only by CLUBLOG until the end of November 2017. He will not be a member of the DARC anymore. His log will be uploaded to LoTW later.

SILENT KEY. It is with great sadness to report that the DX community has lost a DX icon in reporting DX news. Carl Smith, N4AA, DXer/Editor and owner of DX Publishing (QRZ DX and The DX Magazine) has become a Silent Key (SK) at the age of 77 on the morning of October 20th. Carl was a very active individual in providing DXers with upcoming DX activities through his QRZ DX bulletins, The DX Magazines and his years of writings the DX editorial for CQ Magazine. He was also inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame in 2012. Carl had many friends in the DX community. He will surely be missed. OPDX and its readers would like to send out our deepest sympathy to the family and friend of N4AA (SK). (ed. RIP my good friend)
ADDED NOTE: Read the nice write-up about Carl on the ARRL Web page at:
http://www.arrl.org/news/view/qrz-dx-and-the-dx-magazine-publisher-carl-smith-n4aa-sk

T8, PALAU. Ted, JA7XBG, will once again be active as T88GA from the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room) on Koror Island (OC-009) between October 27-30th. Activity will probably be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and some Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign direct or LoTW. He will also be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry signing T8ED. PLEASE NOTE: Ted told OPDX he has "no plan to prepare a T8ED paper QSL. Only LoTW will be available." For more details about the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room), see:
http://www.palau-radio.com/index.php?page=rr2014

V2, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA. Operators Roger/K1DQV, Darrell/AB2E, Dale/N3BNA, Brian/N3OC (V26OC), Rol/K3RA (V26RA), Sam/WT3Q and Vitor/PY2NY will be active as V26B from Antigua (NA-100) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via LoTW or KA2AEV direct.

V3, BELIZE. By the time you read this, Doug, WB5TKI, will be active as V31WB from Captain Morgan's Retreat until October 28th. Activity will be holiday style on 20-10 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. Equipment will be an Yaesu FT-857D, Buddipole dipole. Signalink USB and WinKey USB. QSL via his home callsign.

V3, BELIZE. Victor, WB0TEV, will once again be active as V31VP from Blackman Eddy during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Assisted/High-Power entry. He will be on the air between October 27-31st. Activity outside of the contest will be on 160-10 meters using SSB and some RTTY. QSL via ClubLog, by the Bureau, or direct to WB0TEV.

V6, MICRONESIA. Shu, JA1FMN, will once again be active as V63PSK from Weno Island (in the Chuuk State; also known as Moen Island; OC-011)

between November 14-18th. Activity will be holiday style on 20-10 meters using JT65, JT9, FT8 and PSK63. Watch primarily between 1700-0200z. QSL via JA1FMN, by the Bureau, direct, eQSL or ClubLog's OQRS.

V8, BRUNEI. Tom, KC0W, has announced that after his VR2 and 3W9 operations he will be active as V85/KC0W from Brunei between December 3-18th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW and FT8. There will be an emphasis on North America on FT8. QSL direct via KC0W. ADDED NOTE: Tom states, "More DX-peditions after Brunei".

VE2, CANADA (ZONE 2). By the time you read this, Igor, VE3ZF, will be in Zone 2 from Sept Iles, Northern Quebec, and should be active as VE2IDX on October 24th. He is there for the upcoming CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. He informs OPDX, "Special attention will be taken to the low bands - for this expedition I have prepared 4 SQ to 80 and 40 as well." QSL via VE3ZF: Igor Slakva, 1 Wardrope Avenue, Suite #3, Stoney Creek, Ontario, L8G 1R9, Canada.

YJ, VANUATU. Tom, JA1VND, will be active as YJ0JA from Port Vila, Efate Island (OC-035) between November 15-20th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

ZF9, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Stan, K5GO, will once again be active as ZF9CW from Cayman Brac Island (NA-016) this time during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LoTW or his home callsign direct.

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